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1. At about ☐ the AINVA, an unarmed vessel, was sighted patrolling near buoy 12 on the prescribed swept channel 1.<sup>1</sup>

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2. At ☐ Soviet lighter KOLA, in tow of an unidentified Soviet tug, was seen on an easterly course near buoy 14 on the prescribed swept channel 1, proceeding at about eight or nine knots per hour. Soviet vessel ☐ an unarmed former German minesweeper,<sup>2</sup> was steaming up and down between buoys 12 and 14 ☐

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1. ☐ Comment. Ship ☐ the AINVA, which is believed to be a surveying vessel of the Soviet Navy, was in Swanemuende in fall 1952.

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3. ☐ Comment. Buoy 12, on the prescribed swept channel 1, is in a position N 54-35.8, E 12-21.1 and buoy 14 in N 54-43.4, E 12-40.8. Soviet vessels were seen lying or patrolling in this area almost daily. See re-  
☐ The wreck of the German ship GNEISENAU is in a position N 54-38.4, E 12-26 in the sea area between buoys 12 and 14. It is believed that the Soviet vessels perform guard duty during demolition and salvage operations which are going on in this area.

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